

Each health topic has links to evaluated health information from NIH and other sources. Clicking on a link will open a new browser window for you to view that site. Close the window to return to MEDLINE^{plus}. Navigate using the page contents list located on the left side of the screen.

Alternative Medicine

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DICTIONARIES, DIRECTORIES AND OTHER RESOURCES

You can find a medical definition or check spelling with one of the many dictionaries and glossaries found on the **Dictionaries** page. Under **Directories** you can obtain contact information for doctors, dentists, and other health professionals, along with finding the location of hospitals and other health facilities in your area. **Other Resources** is a catch-all category linking you to health organizations, consumer health libraries, publications, databases, and international government health sites.

SEARCHING MEDLINE^{PLUS}

MEDLINE^{plus} is structured for easy use. There is also a built-in search feature. Type in your health topic or drug name and click on **Go**. A page will open with an advanced search option and your search results in a brief format.

When searching for drug information, please note that your results will use the drug's scientific name. Click on the link to view the full record including the drug's brand (or common) name.

FINDING MORE INFORMATION

When you need additional help: Ask your public library for assistance, or call a health science library in your area. More than 4,500 health science libraries nationwide are listed at <http://www.nnlm.nlm.nih.gov/members/>. *Health science libraries often charge for photocopies or services.*

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MEDLINE^{PLUS} FEATURES

- **Health Topics:** More than 400 health topics with links to evaluated health information from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and other high-quality sources, along with preset searches of the MEDLINE® database and a medical encyclopedia.
- **Drug Information:** Find generic and brand name drug information.
- **Dictionaries:** Identify spellings and definitions of medical terms.
- **Directories:** Locations and credentials for doctors, dentists, nursing facilities and hospitals.
- **Other Resources:** Links to organizations, libraries, publications/news, and databases.

ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING

Click on **About MEDLINE^{plus}** to access Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and take an introductory tour of MEDLINE^{plus}.



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DRUG INFORMATION

Selecting **Drug Information** allows you to browse by brand or generic drug name for information on more than 9,000 prescription and over-the-counter drugs. The page also links to the latest drug news from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Drug Information

A guide to more than 9,000 prescription and over-the-counter medications provided by the United States Pharmacopeia (USP) in the USP DI® and Advice for the Patient®. *

Browse by first letter of generic or brand name drug:

A-Am	An-Az	B	C-Ch	Ch-Cz	D-Dh	Di-Dz
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For additional information about drug use, see the MEDLINE^{plus} [About Your Medicines](#) page

The **Food and Drug Administration** provides late-breaking news on:

- [Newly approved drugs](#)
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Information on conditions, diseases and wellness, plus a medical encyclopedia



Drug Information

Generic and brand name drugs



Dictionaries

Spellings and definitions of medical terms



Directories

Locations and credentials of doctors, dentists and hospitals



Other Resources

Access to organizations, consumer health libraries, international sites, publications, MEDLINE and more

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Featured Site

[ClinicalTrials.gov](#) from NIH

Provides easy access to information about clinical research studies



We welcome your comments

The categories of Health Topics, Drug Information, Dictionaries, Directories and Other Resources conveniently organize the wealth of health information available. Or you can choose to search MEDLINEplus via the search query box provided at the top of the page. MEDLINEplus has a current health news feature so you can get the latest health news published each day. Found on the MEDLINEplus homepage and linked from specific health topic pages is *ClinicalTrials.gov*, a database providing the public with current information on clinical trial studies.

CONSULT YOUR HEALTH PROFESSIONAL

Please note: MEDLINEplus is not intended to provide medical advice, but to provide you with access to selected information to better understand your health, disease, or medical condition. Always consult with your health professional.

HEALTH TOPICS

The core of MEDLINEplus is more than 400 health topics with information on conditions, diseases and wellness issues.

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Begin by clicking on **Health Topics** from the MEDLINEplus homepage. You can select a health topic by first letter, by broad group, or choose one of the most frequently requested topics. (See *Typical Health Topic Page*, next panel, for more information.)

MEDICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA

The Health Topics page links to a medical encyclopedia that contains medical images as well as 4,000 articles about diseases, tests, symptoms, injuries and surgeries.

INTERACTIVE HEALTH TUTORIALS

You can access interactive health tutorials from the lower right corner of the Health Topics page on a wide range of health issues using animated graphics, sound and easy-to-read language. *Please note*, you may need to download a free Web browser plug-in (software) to view these tutorials. MEDLINEplus will prompt you with instructions.